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Hon. Ted Staffen
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Yukon Legislative Assembly
Whitehorse, Yukon

Dear Mr. Staffen:

I am pleased to submit a report on the annual financial returns for the registered political parties for the 2007 calendar year. This report also includes information regarding candidates' outstanding 2006 general election financing returns.

This report is prepared pursuant to section 398 of the *Elections Act*.

Sincerely,

Jo-Ann Waugh
Chief Electoral Officer

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REPORT RESPECTING FINANCIAL PROVISIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, 2007

The *Elections Act (S.Y. 2004, c. 9)* states in section 398:

"(1) The chief electoral officer may report to the Legislative Assembly respecting

(a) the information contained in returns filed by registered political parties or candidates,

(b) anonymous contributions, or

(c) any other matter under this Part.

(2) The chief electoral officer may include in any report under paragraph (1)(a) the names of contributors over $250 and any debt holders."

This report includes the information contained in the annual returns from the registered political parties for the calendar year 2007.

One registered political party filed an annual return for the 2007 calendar year by the deadline of March 31, 2008.

Disclosure and Compliance with the Financial Provisions

The chief electoral officer has included the lists of contributors over $250 to registered political parties. This information is public information pursuant to the *Elections Act*.

In addition, this report contains the names of candidates at the 2000, 2002 and 2006 general elections who have not filed election financing returns as required by sections 385 and 391 of the Act.

The *Elections Act, 2000* contained for the first time a provision for compliance orders. A certificate issued by the chief electoral officer ordered any person who was contravening the Act to cease doing so. These certificates could be issued during the election period, which was from the issue of the writs to the date of the returns to the writs of election. However, election financing returns were not required until 60 days following that date, which was outside the election period.

The Act was amended in 2004 and the time period for compliance with the provisions of the *Elections Act* was not defined. The chief electoral officer has the ability to ensure compliance with the Act at any time.

Two candidates in the Electoral District of Klondike at the 2006 general election did not file election financing returns in compliance with the Act. Letters or emails requesting this information were sent to the candidates' official agents in January, 2007, and to the candidates in February, 2007. There was no response from the official agents or the candidates.

Glen Everitt, Independent, was served with:

a) a letter from the chief electoral officer and a Certificate and Compliance Order on August 12, 2007. Mr. Everett did not respond to this service and did not file the required documents.

b) a copy of the Certificate of Compliance filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, pursuant to s. 353(3) of the *Elections Act* on January 20, 2008.

Mr. Everitt was advised that the Certificate of Compliance is considered to be a judgment of the Supreme Court in favour of the chief electoral officer.

Mr. Everett contacted the Elections Office and subsequently faxed a document with election expenses information. Documents requiring Mr. Everitt's signature were mailed to him along with a letter requesting that the signed documents be returned to the Elections Office not later than March 10, 2008. The documents requiring a signature were received on Mr. Everitt's behalf on February 27, 2008 in Dawson City. Mr. Everitt responded on March 27, 2008. His election financing return has been accepted.

Mr. Everitt's return states:

a) that he did not receive any contributions of cash or negotiable instruments;

b) that his expenses were $1,640.00, as determined by the Elections Office;

c) that the value of his campaign was $1,655.00.

It is further noted that income tax credit receipts issued to his official agent on September 20, 2006 have not been accounted for and an affidavit concerning these missing receipts has been filed with the return.

Jorn Meier, Yukon New Democratic Party, was served with:

a) a letter from the chief electoral officer and a Certificate and Compliance Order on July 30, 2007. Mr. Meier did not respond to this order and did not file the required documents.

b) a copy of the Certificate of Compliance filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, pursuant to s. 353(3) of the *Elections Act* on February 23, 2008. Mr. Meier has not responded to this service.

Mr. Meier was advised that the Certificate of Compliance is considered to be a judgment of the Supreme Court in favour of the chief electoral officer.

Mr. Meier contacted the Elections Office on April 22, 2008.

Public Information

All returns of financial information concerning candidates and registered political parties are public information and are available during normal hours at the Elections Office.

Appendix I

Election Financing Return

Yukon Party

2007 Annual Return

Date of Return: **08.04.15**

Number of Contributors: **14**

Cash/Negotiable Instruments: **$19 495.00**

		$
Contributors over $250:		
Alexco Resource Corp.	Vancouver, British Columbia	5 000.00
Dale Drown	Whitehorse, Yukon	275.00
Eagle Hill Exploration	Vancouver, British Columbia	5 500.00
International KRL Resources	Vancouver, British Columbia	2 500.00
Logan Resources Ltd.	Vancouver, British Columbia	2 500.00
North American Tungsten Corp.	Vancouver, British Columbia	2 000.00
Gordon Steele	Whitehorse, Yukon	500.00
Elaine Taylor	Whitehorse, Yukon	260.00

Contributors (political parties, trade unions, unincorporated groups) over $50: Nil

Appendix II

Election Financing Return

Yukon Liberal Party

2007 Annual Return

Date of Return:	**08.03.31**
Number of Contributors:	**58**
Cash/Negotiable Instruments:	**$8 931.31**

		$
Contributors over $250:		
Ione Christensen	Whitehorse, Yukon	500.00
Jason Cunning	Whitehorse, Yukon	1 108.85
Shayne Fairman	Whitehorse, Yukon	270.22
Arthur Mitchell	Whitehorse, Yukon	573.94
Christie Richardson	Whitehorse, Yukon	698.94
Contributors (political parties, trade unions, unincorporated groups over $50:		
Federal Liberal Agency	Ottawa, Ontario	749.77

Appendix III

Election Financing Return
Yukon New Democratic Party

2007 Annual Return

Date of Return: **08.04.24**
Number of Contributors: **83**
Cash/Negotiable Instruments: **$17 960.00**

Contributors over $250:		**$**
Ken Bolton	Whitehorse, Yukon	345.00
Richard Buchan	Whitehorse, Yukon	300.00
Dave Evans	Whitehorse, Yukon	300.00
Heather Finton	Whitehorse, Yukon	280.00
Walter C. Gryba	Whitehorse, Yukon	360.00
Todd Hardy	Whitehorse, Yukon	550.00
Paul Harris	Whitehorse, Yukon	300.00
Joyce Hayden	Whitehorse, Yukon	300.00
Dave Keenan	Whitehorse, Yukon	600.00
Sylvie Léonard	Whitehorse, Yukon	290.00
Sidney Maddison	Whitehorse, Yukon	600.00
Lesley McCullough	Whitehorse, Yukon	360.00
Louis Paquet	Whitehorse, Yukon	600.00
Boyd Pyper	Tagish, Yukon	550.00
Max Fraser	Whitehorse, Yukon	635.00
Brian Laird	Whitehorse, Yukon	935.00
James P. Cahill	Whitehorse, Yukon	470.00
George Green	Whitehorse, Yukon	300.00
Carl Evers	Whitehorse, Yukon	400.00
Leona Etmanski	Whitehorse, Yukon	400.00
Angelika Lange	Whitehorse, Yukon	490.00

Ross Findlater	Whitehorse, Yukon	600.00
Sue Findlater	Whitehorse, Yukon	400.00
Dave Stockdale	Whitehorse, Yukon	400.00

Contributors (political parties, trade unions, unincorporated groups) over $50:

Canadian Office & Professional Employees Union, Local 378	Burnaby, British Columbia	500.00

Appendix IV

List of Outstanding Election Financing Returns, 2000, 2002 and 2006 General Elections

Electoral District	Candidate
2006 General Election	
Klondike	Jorn Meier (ND)[1]
2002 General Election	
Klondike	Glen Everitt (L)
McIntyre-Takhini	Wayne Jim (I)
Mayo-Tatchun	Dibs Williams (I)
2000 General Election	
Kluane	Gerald 'Bones' Brown (L)
	Charlie Eikland (YP)
McIntyre-Takhini	John Edzerza (YP)
Ross River-Southern Lakes	Ed Hall (YP)
Vuntut Gwitchin	Esau Schafer (YP)

[1] I = Independent
L = Yukon Liberal Party
ND = Yukon New Democratic Party
YP = Yukon Party